

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Garland:

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware is currently investigating a number of Hunter Biden's activities, including his potential involvement with foreign businesses, avoiding proper disclosures of foreign business interests to the United States government, and outstanding tax liabilities.

It is increasingly clear that Hunter Biden took advantage of his father's position as Vice President to develop business relationships with clients in Ukraine, China, and Kazakhstan. Additionally, it is clear from emails secured from Hunter Biden's laptop that he used a cash gift from a Ukrainian Natural Gas company, Burisma, of which he was a board member, to pay off personal tax liabilities. Finally, Hunter Biden likely facilitated lobbying for foreign entities through third-party channels without registering for the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

It appears that Hunter Biden used his position as son of then-Vice President Biden to gain wealth and influence in foreign countries, using questionably sourced money to pay tax liabilities, and lobbying on behalf of foreign entities without proceeding through the proper channels. We are concerned that in the case of Hunter Biden the Department has an actual conflict of interest and certainly has the appearance of a conflict of interest that could prevent a fair and impartial investigation of his activities. You were nominated to your position by Hunter Biden's father and ultimately work for him.

President Trump and his Administration endured closer scrutiny from the Department of Justice for lesser accusations. The then-Attorney General appointed a Special Counsel to investigate President Trump based on the Steele Dossier: a salacious and unverified political smear campaign. It was argued then that a Special Counsel was necessary because the Department could not be seen to impartially investigate the sitting President. This same standard applies here.

Under Department of Justice regulations, you have the power to appoint a Special Counsel when it is determined that criminal investigation of a

person is warranted and that the investigation of that person “by a United States Attorney’s Office or litigating Division of the Department of Justice would present a conflict of interest for the Department or other extraordinary circumstances.”

We believe that in the case of Hunter Biden a Special Counsel must be appointed to preserve the integrity of this investigation and any subsequent prosecution. A Special Counsel would also ensure there is no bias in the investigation or undue influence from the White House.

As Attorney General, you are responsible for pursuing impartial justice regardless of political considerations. Trust in government institutions has eroded in recent years. You have the ability in this situation to help restore some of that trust for the American people. Under the extraordinary circumstances established by Hunter Biden and President Biden’s relationships, we ask that you appoint a Special Counsel to oversee this critical investigation.

Sincerely,



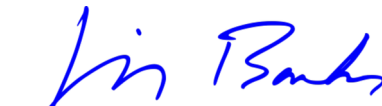
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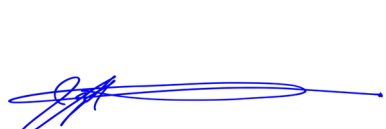
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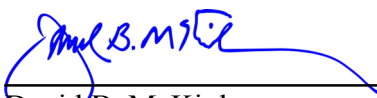
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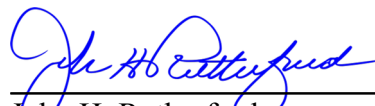
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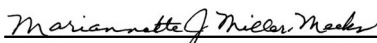
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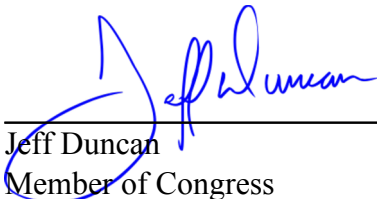
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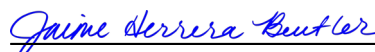
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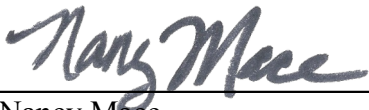
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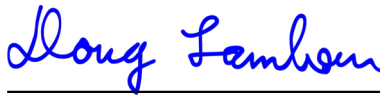
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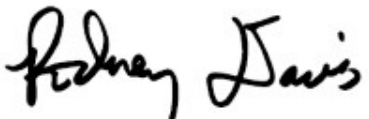
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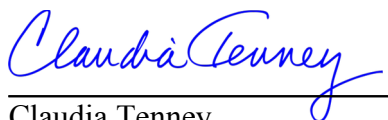
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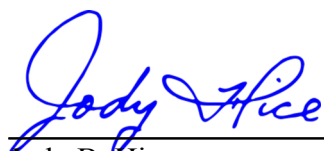
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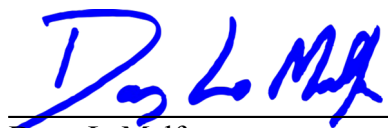
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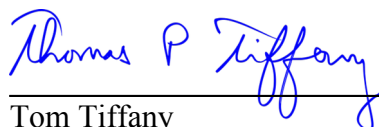
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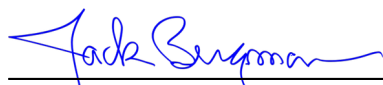
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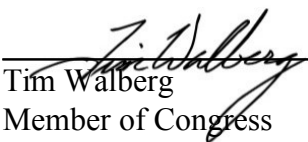
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